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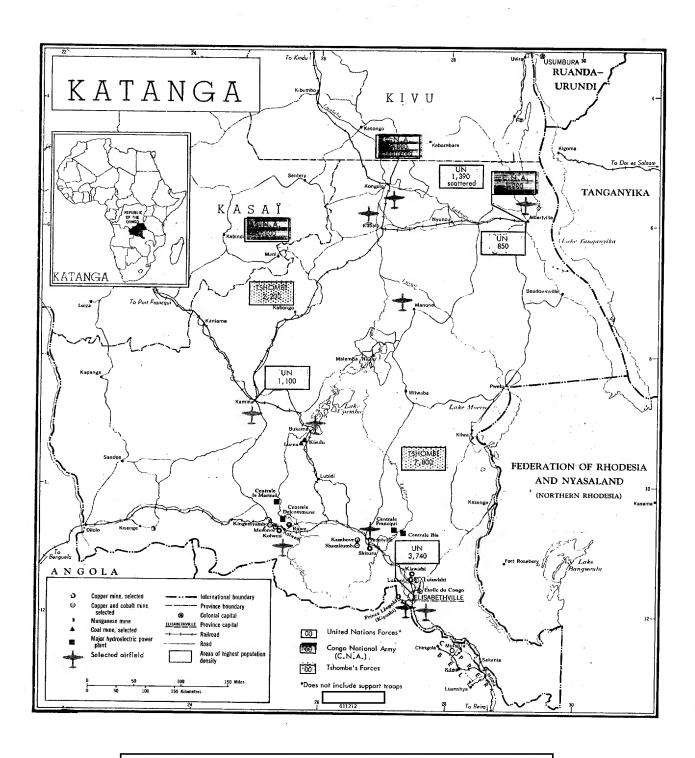
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*Congo: Sporadic fighting continued on 11 December in and around Elisabethville with no indication that either side was ready to call a halt. UN aircraft continue attacks on Katangan strongholds. Tshombé and Union Miniere officials claim the UN attacks have damaged mining installations at Kolwezi and Luena and the important hydroelectric plant at

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Le Marinel. A Katangan aircraft bombed Elisabethville airport the night of 10 December. Katangan forces appear to control most of the city, with the UN holding its positions on the north and west sides.

The UN military command in Elisabethville reportedly met on 9 December to discuss an "all-out" military mop-up of Elisabethville, including a house-to-house cleanup with "no holds barred." American Consul Hoffacker comments that such an action by the UN would cause heavy civilian casualties and large-scale property damage, and could touch off protracted guerrilla warfare by the Katangans. Hoffacker reports that the Indian charge from Leopoldville is in Elisabethville advocating all-out war against Katanga and is trying to exploit the resentment in the UN military, particularly among Indian officers, over the inconclusive UN action last September.

25X1 The US Embassy in Leopoldville reported on 8 December that the Adoula government has prepared a five-page indictment of Gizenga which it will submit to parliament in introducing a motion of censure against him. The American officials doubt that Adoula will push the indictment until parliamentary sentiment crystallizes or before favorable news is received from Adoula has been con-Katanga. 25X1 sidering a move against Gizenga since mid-November, and that Gizenga's violent speech against him on 29 November convinced Adoula he must 'break' him ℓ The outbreak of hostilities in Katanga has aroused deep bitterness against the UN and the United States in Belgium. Foreign Minister Spaak's policy of full cooperation with the UN 25X1 is being criticized as a mistake. Ambassador MacArthur predicts that Belgian-American relations are in for a "very, very rough time. 25X1

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